MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: With regard even to textiles, we will be issuing special ration cards, because it is desirable not to mix it with ration cards for foodstuffs.

PRESIDENT: The orders have already been passed.

Petrol supplied to the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Co. Ltd., Alwaye.

334. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state, how many gallons of petrol are supplied to the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Co. Ltd., Alwaye every month?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 1,350 gallons per month approximately.

Complaints about Mr. A. R. Padmanabha Rao, Second Judge, Alleppey.

335. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they or the High Court have received complaints about Mr. A. R. Padmanabha Rao, Second Judge, Alleppey, and if so, what action they have taken in the matter.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI; Yes. The matter was enquired into and it was found that the allegations in the complaints were not proved.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member the nature of the allegations made against Mr. Padmanabha Rao?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I may submit, Sir, that the whole matter is confidential. There were allegations of corruption.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what was the nature of the enquiry made? Who was sent to enquire?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The High Court enquired into the matter and I may state for your information that the complainant himself backed out.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why a public enquiry was not made?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: A public enquiry was not called for in the ciurcumstances. If the honourable member himself would make a definite statement on the floor of the House, a formal enquiry would be considered.

PRESIDENT: But the complainant himself withdrew the complaint. Now, there was a complaint. Very elaborate particulars were given of the days and occasions on which bribes were taken or alleged to be taken by this member of the judicial department, and also as to the supplies that were demanded, and so on and so forth. Then the High Court ordered an enquiry into the matter and made certain enquiries. In the meantime the complainant withdrew the complaint and stated he did not even sign the complaint. Then how can the matter be proceeded with?

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